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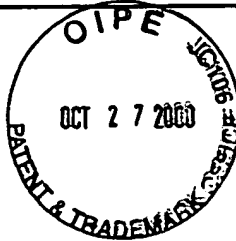
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
DATED JULY 24, 2000

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 24, 2000, please amend this application
as follows:

In the claims:

Please add the following claims:

11. A chest and breast protector for women, comprising
 - a) a hard internal breast plate formed to provide a right cup and a left cup, said right cup and said left cup conforming to the contour of a woman's breasts, wherein said hard internal breast plate does not extend to a lower region of the woman's rib cage,
 - b) a center sternum area, wherein said center sternum area is positioned between said right cup and said left cup, and said right cup and said left cup are each connected to said center sternum area, and wherein said center sternum